

## DECLARATION

As the below-named inventor, I declare that:

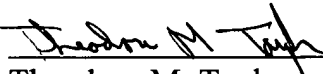
My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below under my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONDITIONING A CONTACT SURFACE OF A PROCESSING PAD USED IN PROCESSING MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECES" in the foregoing specification and claims.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from this patent application.

  
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Filed : Concurrently herewith  
For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONDITIONING A  
CONTACT SURFACE OF A PROCESSING PAD USED IN  
PROCESSING MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECES

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 AND 3.73 AND POWER OF  
ATTORNEY

Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment filed concurrently herewith, hereby elects, under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventor.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned duly authorized designee  
of Assignee certifies that the evidentiary documents have been reviewed, specifically  
the Assignment to MICRON TECHNOLOGY, INC., filed concurrently herewith for  
recording, a copy of which is attached hereto, and certifies that to the best of my  
knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

MICRON TECHNOLOGY, INC.

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Chief Patent Counsel

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